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**San Bernardino Associated Governments:** Paul Leon

**Ventura County Transportation Commission:** Keith Millhouse, Moorpark

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# No. 491

## MEETING OF THE

# REGIONAL COUNCIL

**Thursday, November 1, 2007**  
**11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

**SCAG Offices**  
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# Southern California Association of Governments Regional Council Roster

November 2007

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Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Barbara Messina, Pasadena	District 34
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Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
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Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
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Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
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Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
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Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65

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*“Any item listed on the agenda (action or information) may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee.”*

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| 1.0   | <b><u>CALL TO ORDER &amp; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b>  | Hon. Gary Ovitt<br>President |    |
| 2.0   | <b><u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD</u></b> – Members of the public desiring to speak on items on the agenda, or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Council, must fill out and present a speaker’s card to the Executive Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker’s card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The President may limit the total time for all comments to twenty minutes. |                              |    |
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5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Energy and Environment Committee  
Report (EEC)

Hon. Debbie  
Cook, Chair

6.1.1 Approach for the 2008 RTP/RCP  
PEIR Attachment

Recommended Action: Approve

6.2 Transportation and Communications  
Committee (TCC)

Hon. Alan  
Wapner, Chair

6.3 Community, Economic and Human  
Development Committee (CEHD)

Hon. Jon  
Edney, Chair

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6.4 Administration Committee Report

Hon. Ron  
Loveridge, Chair

6.4.1 FY 07-08 OWP Amendment #2  
Attachment

**Recommended Action:** Adopt  
Resolution 07-491-1 approving  
FY 07-08 Amendment #2.

6.5 Communications & Membership  
Subcommittee

Hon. Glen  
Becerra, Chair

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

*A closed session will be held only if necessary to report significant developments or to take required actions.*

8.1 Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing  
Litigation (Government Code Section  
54956.9(a) City of La Mirada v. SCAG; City of  
Irvine v. SCAG; and City of Palmdale v. SCAG

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any committee member desiring to place item on a future agenda may make such a request.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on December 6, 2007 in downtown Los Angeles.



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NO. 490  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL  
October 4, 2007  
MINUTES

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the downtown offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Gary Ovitt, Supervisor, San Bernardino County. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Hon. Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County, President	
Hon Richard Dixon, Lake Forest 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	District 13
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	District 35
Hon. Yvonne, Burke, Los Angeles County, Immediate Past President	
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### **Members Not Present**

Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
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Hon. Andy Masiel, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	
Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles	At-Large



## **Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Joe Burton, Chief Counsel  
Justine Block, Deputy Legal Counsel  
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy  
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services  
Sylvia Patsaouras, Acting Director, Government and Public Affairs  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Ovitt called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance and invocation was led by Councilmember John Beaman.

### **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

### **3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **3.1 Approval Items**

Motion was made (Dale) to approve the consent calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

##### **3.1.1 Minutes of July 11, 2007 Meeting**

It was noted that Supervisor Linda Parks attended the meeting.

##### **3.1.2 Contract Amendments over \$250,000**

##### **3.1.3 Sponsorship of the 2007 Mobility 21 Transportation Summit**

##### **3.1.4 Amend C2 Group, LLC Contract**

##### **3.1.5 Recognition of Service Ginger Gheradi's Retirement**

##### **3.1.6 Recognition of Service Eric Haley's Retirement**

### 3.2 **Receive & File**

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

3.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report for August 2007

3.2.3 2007 End of Legislative Session Report

## 4.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

4.1 President Ovitt acknowledged Joe Burton, who was recently hired as Chief Counsel for SCAG. He also made the following appointments:

### **Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees**

#### Arroyo Verdugo

CEHD Hon. Laura Olhasso, La Canada Flintridge

EEC Hon. Sid Tyler, Pasadena

TCC Hon. Dave Spence, La Canada Flintridge

#### Coachella Valley Associated Governments (CVAG)

TCC Hon. Alex Bias, Desert Hot Springs

#### San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

TCC Hon. Kelly Chastain, Colton

Hon. Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake

#### Ventura Council of Government (VCOG)

TCC Hon. Thomas Glancy, Thousand Oaks

#### Westside Cities Council of Governments

EEC Hon. Abbe Land, West Hollywood

### **Regional Council**

Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale, was selected to represent District 42 on the Regional Council.

President Ovitt stated that the chairs of the policy committees were asked to review respective membership of their task forces and report back at the next meeting. Additional appointments will be made at a later date.

### 4.2 **Information on the Regional Leadership Academy**

Richard Callahan, presented information on the Regional Leadership Academy program. The program is held annually and provides an opportunity for Regional Council members to receive important information as well as training on Regional Leadership.

4.3 Status of Air Quality Attainment Plan in the South Coast Air Basin

Mayor Ron Loveridge gave a brief update on the collaborative efforts of SCAQMD and SCAG in drafting a strategy for the SIP for southern California.

5.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The report was previously emailed to the Regional Council. There was no oral report.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 **Executive Committee Report**

6.1.1 Ratification of Performance Evaluation of Executive Director and Salary /Compensation of Executive Director

Motion was made (Barnes) to ratify the Executive Director's performance evaluation and approve the salary and compensation. Motion was SECONDED (Aldinger) and OPPOSED (Norby, Dixon, Brown, Daigle) and APPROVED.

Councilmember Dixon opposed the percentage of the salary increase not the rating of the Executive Director's performance.

6.1.2 Merit Pay Program

Motion was made (McCallon) to approve the Merit Pay Program. Motion was SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.2 **Administration Committee Report**

There was no report.

6.3 **Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)**

6.3.1 Public Participation Plan Amendment #1

Motion was made (Wapner) to approve the Public Participation Plan Amendment #1. Motion was SECONDED (Aldinger) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.3.2 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program Guidelines (RTIP)

Motion was made (Wapner) to approve the 2008 RTIP Guidelines. Motion was SECONDED (Aldinger) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**6.4 Energy and Environment Committee Report (EEC)**

**6.4.1 Santa Ana Watershed Project Initiative: One Water One Watershed**

Motion was made (Cook) to approve the Santa Ana Watershed Project Initiative. Motion was SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**6.5 Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)**

No report was given.

**6.6 Communications & Membership Subcommittee**

Councilmember Becerra, Chair, briefed the RC on the accomplishments of the Communications and Membership Subcommittee for the year.

He also reported on the Regional Leadership Academy. Several Regional Council members presented comments regarding the program. Councilmember Becerra encouraged other members to enroll in the next series of classes currently scheduled for mid-year 2008.

Councilmember Becerra also announced that a WiFi Seminar will be held on November 8, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Los Angeles Bonaventure Hotel.

**7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

There were no items presented.

**8.0 CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Colin Lennard, General Counsel, informed the Regional Council that there was no need to go into closed session, but rather, that he would update the Regional Council on the status of litigation pertaining to RHNA in open session. Subsequently, he noted that SCAG was seeking to transfer the Irvine lawsuit to L.A. County, and to consolidate all three matters involving the cities of La Mirada, Irvine and Palmdale before the same judge. There were no questions and no final action taken by the Regional Council.

**9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

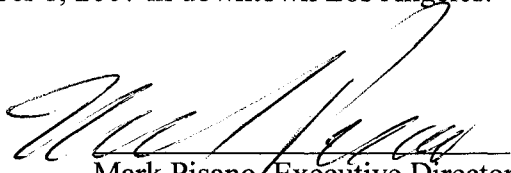
There were no announcements.

**10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

One of the members requested staff to email RC members on which meetings, workshops etc., could be videotaped.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m. The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held on November 1, 2007 in downtown Los Angeles.

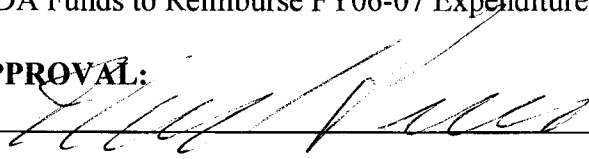


Mark Pisano, Executive Director

# REPORT

**DATE:** November 1, 2007  
**TO:** Administration Committee and Regional Council  
**FROM:** Wayne Moore, CFO, [moore@scag.ca.gov](mailto:moore@scag.ca.gov), 213.236.1804  
**SUBJECT:** Approval to Use TDA Funds to Reimburse FY06-07 Expenditures

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve using TDA funds to reimburse FY06-07 Expenditures.

**BACKGROUND:**

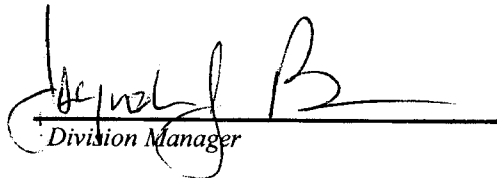
At the end of every fiscal year, SCAG closes its financial records for the year and prepares a Record of Expenditures (ROE) to be sent to our funding partners, Caltrans and FHWA/FTA. As part of the financial closeout activities, all invoices for FY06-07 expenditures must be received by SCAG's Accounts Payable by July 31<sup>st</sup> in order to meet the August 30<sup>th</sup> processing deadline for reimbursement from our Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG). If the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline is missed, the invoice cannot be paid with CPG funds budgeted in the fiscal year and must be paid with other funds.

Two invoices, received prior to the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, were held for internal reviews and were not processed for CPG grant reimbursement. They have been approved for payment, however, no funds are budgeted to pay the invoices. Consequently, we are requesting an amendment to the FY07-08 budget to use TDA funds to pay these invoices. One consultant invoice was held by the project manager for review and one invoice was held by project accounting pending an audit outcome.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval will result in an amendment to the FY07-08 comprehensive budget to add \$51,818 in TDA funds, available in the TDA fund balance.

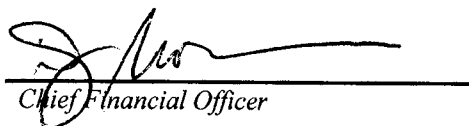
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Department Director

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# REPORT

**DATE:** November 1st, 2007

**TO:** Administration Committee and Regional Council

**FROM:** Hasan Ikhata, Director of Planning and Policy  
213-236-1944 [ikhata@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ikhata@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** International Conference on Hinterland Development and Strategies of the Pyeongtaek Port, Korea

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve SCAG staff to attend the international conference on "Hinterland Development and Strategies of the Pyeongtaek Port" in Seoul, Korea on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## BACKGROUND:

SCAG was invited by Professor Hee Seok Bang, Dean of College of Social Science and Director of the Port Logistics Research Center at Chung-Ang University, to attend the international conference on "Hinterland Development and Strategies of the Pyeongtaek Port" in Seoul, Korea on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

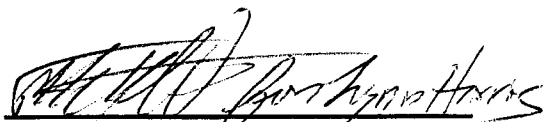
This conference is hosted by the City of Pyeongtaek and organized by the Port Logistics Research Center, Chung-Ang University. The purpose of the conference is to discuss how to develop the City of Pyeongtaek containing the Pyeongtaek Port as a major center of the goods movement.

SCAG is expected to make a presentation on policy and experience of SCAG for the regional planning and development linked with the cargo flow of the Los Angeles/Long Beach Ports at the conference. SCAG is also expected to provide post graduate students with a lecture on goods movement strategies in Southern California at Chung-Ang University.


## FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of Pyeongtaek and the Port Logistics Research Center will pay for any travel related expenses.

Reviewed by:

  
Division Manager

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5th October 2007

Mr. Jim Gosnell,  
Deputy Executive Director, SCAG

Dear Mr. Gosnell

This is an official invitation letter for you to visit Korea from 28th November to 4th December and to give a Speech in the conference on 29th November 2007 here in Seoul. The main topic for the conference is "Hinterland Development and Strategies of the Pyungtak Port." I hope you could present on the issues relating to "Guideline of the Regional and Hinterland Development linked with Port Complex( on concentration with lessons to be learned from LA/LB Port) Meantime During your visit I hope you can give 50 mins lecture for our post graduate students about Issues relating "Goods Movement Strategies in Southern California"

I am pleased to inform that we can cover the travel expanse during his visit including economy class air ticket from LA to Seoul. I am sure that your visit will be invaluable for not only our students but policy makers both transport and city planner here in Korea.

I must show my many thanks in advance for your cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Hee Seok Bang PhD  
Dean, College of Social Science  
Director, Port Logistics Research Centor



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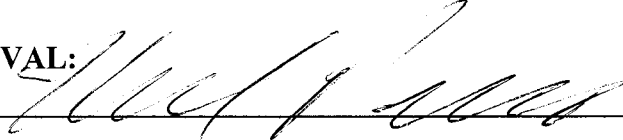
**DATE:** November 1, 2007

**TO:** Regional Council  
Administration Committee

**FROM:** Justine Block, Deputy Legal Counsel  
(213)236-1920; [Block@scag.ca.gov](mailto:Block@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Amendments to the SCAG Conflict of Interest Code

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**Administration Committee:** Recommend that the Regional Council approve release of the attached, proposed amendments to the SCAG Conflict of Interest Code for a 45-day comment period.

**Regional Council:** Approve release of the attached, proposed amendments to the SCAG Conflict of Interest Code for a 45-day comment period.

## BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to the state Political Reform Act, Cal. Gov. Code §§81000 et seq., the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is required to periodically review its Conflict of Interest Code (Code) and determine whether the Code must be amended. All public officials holding designated positions on the Code are required to file annual statement of economic interest forms (Form 700) to disclose certain investments, income, interests in real property and business positions.

SCAG legal counsel has reviewed the agency's current Code, and determined that substantive amendments to the Code are required. These amendments (a strikeout version is attached) would primarily add new designated filers that make or participate in making governmental decisions; delete positions that no longer exist at SCAG; and add one new disclosure category.

Specifically, legal staff recommends adding voting members of the Policy Committees (TCC, EEC, and CEHD Committees) to the Code, since the Policy Committees make policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters within each respective committee's jurisdiction, pursuant to authority provided under the SCAG Bylaws, Article V-A(7)(a); and thus make governmental decisions under applicable Fair Political Practices Commission regulations and guidance.

Furthermore, these amendments would add to the Code all positions in the agency that have "Manager" in the title, and add the position of Business Operations Supervisor, based on current job classification information provided by the Human Resources staff. Finally, the Code amendments would add a new disclosure category narrowly tailored to apply to the newly added Business Operations Supervisor position.

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Upon approval of the Regional Council to release the proposed amendments to the Code, SCAG legal counsel would prepare a Notice of Intention to Amend a Conflict of Interest Code, and commence the required 45-day written comment period. Then, the next steps would be to address any comments that are submitted, and bring forth the Code for final approval by the Regional Council at its January meeting.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Legal staff costs associated with this matter are captured in Work Element Number 08-880.SCGS1.

## **Attachments:**

- 1) "Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments," with the attached **strikeout (redlined) version of the Appendix, "Proposed Amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments;"** and
- 2) "Explanations of Proposed Substantive Amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments."

Reviewed by:

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*Division Manager*

Reviewed by:

*Joel Buntor*  
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*Department Director*

Reviewed by:

*[Signature]*  
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*Chief Financial Officer*

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

The Political Reform Act, Cal. Govt. Code §§81000 et seq., requires state and local governments to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 C.C.R. §18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, and which can be incorporated by reference in an agency's code. After public notice and hearing it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 C.C.R. §18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendix designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories shall constitute the Conflict of Interest Code of the Southern California Association of Governments.

Upon receipt of the statements of economic interests of the General Assembly members, Regional Council members, Policy Committee members, and the Executive Director, the agency shall make and retain a copy and forward the original of these statements to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

All other designated officials shall file their statements of economic interests with the Southern California Association of Governments, which will then make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction under Cal. Gov. Code §81008, and will retain the original of these statements.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Appendix**

<b>Designated Employee Officials</b>	<b>Disclosure</b>
General Assembly Members	1
Regional Council Members	
<b>Policy Committee on Transportation and Communications (TCC) Members*</b>	
<b>Policy Committee on Energy and Environment (EEC) Members*</b>	
<b>Policy Committee on Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Members*</b>	
Executive Director	1
Deputy Executive Director	
Chief Financial Officer	
Chief Counsel/ Director of Legal Services	
Deputy Legal Counsel	
<b>Director of Government and Public Affairs</b>	
Director of Planning and Policy	
Director of Information Services	
General Counsel	
<del>Manager of Finance</del>	
Internal Auditor	1
<del>Manager of Government and Public Affairs</del>	
<del>Manager of Special Projects</del>	
<del>Supervising Human Resources Officer</del>	
Manager of Accounting	
Manager of Budgets & Grants	
Manager of Contracts	
Manager of Human Resources	
Manager of Community Development	
Manager of Environmental Planning	
Manager of Transportation Planning/Programming	
Manager of Legislative Affairs	
Manager of Member Relations	
Manager of Communications	
Manager of Program Development and Evaluation	
Manager of Data and GIS	
Manager of Information Technology	
Manager of Modeling	
Business Operations Supervisor	2
Consultant**	1

Amendments to 2004 SCAG Conflict of Interest Code  
November 1, 2007

## Disclosure Categories

1. ~~1. A designated employee in this category must report All investments, interests in real property, sources of income, and business positions~~ **all interests in real property, as well as investments, business positions and sources of income, including gifts, loans and travel payments.**
2. **A designated employee in this category must report investments in and income, including gifts, loans and travel payments from individuals and entities of the type that supply equipment, materials or services to SCAG.**

**\* Ex-Officio (non-voting) members of the Policy Committees serve in a solely advisory capacity and are not deemed designated officials under the code.**

**\*\* Consultants shall be included in the list of designated employees officials and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code subject to the following limitation:**

The Executive Director may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that are limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements described in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based on that description, a statement of the extent of the disclosure requirements. The Executive Director's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner as this conflict of interest code.

**EXPLANATIONS OF PROPOSED SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS  
TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE  
OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

1. Addition and designation of members of the TCC, EEC, and CEHD Policy Committees (“Policy Committees”). Pursuant to the SCAG Bylaws, the Policy Committees make policy recommendations to the Regional Council on matters within each respective committee’s jurisdiction.
2. Addition and designation of the “Director of Government and Public Affairs.” Responsibilities of this position include making recommendations to the Regional Council regarding development and implementation of the Regional Council’s policies and projects in the areas of public participation, stakeholder partnerships, relationship development, and cooperation and collaboration among contiguous regional planning agencies as well as state and federal agencies.
3. Deletion and redesignation of the “Manager of Finance” position, which is now known as the “Manager of Accounting.”
4. Deletion and redesignation of the “Manager of Government and Public Affairs” position, which is now known as the “Manager of Legislative Affairs.”
5. Deletion of the “Manager of Special Projects” position, which no longer exists as a result of a reorganization decision by the Executive Director approximately two years ago.
6. Deletion and redesignation of the “Supervising Human Resources Officer” position, which is now known as the “Manager of Human Resources.”
7. Addition and designation of the following Manager Positions, as a result of agency reorganizations during the past few years and based on current job classification information provided by the Human Resources division:

- Manager of Human Resources
- Manager of Budgets and Grants
- Manager of Contracts
- Manager of Community Development
- Manager of Environmental Planning
- Manager of Transportation Planning/Programming
- Manager of Communications
- Manager of Legislative Affairs
- Manager of Member Relations
- Manager of Program Development and Evaluation

Manager of Data and GIS  
Manager of Information Technology  
Manager of Modeling

All positions within the agency that have “Manager” in the title are responsible for a division of each department and have responsibilities that include recommending and administering policies and procedures within each department’s policies; developing and recommending the annual division budget; administering the division budget; and overseeing and managing consultant projects and services.

8. Addition and designation of the “Business Operations Supervisor” position. This position is responsible for managing purchases for agency office equipment, furniture and supplies, and other purchases related to facility operations; and for managing consultant service contracts regarding office facilities and records storage and destruction.
9. Addition of disclosure category number 2. This disclosure category is narrowly tailored to apply to the newly added Business Operations Supervisor position.

Questions or comments regarding these proposed amendments should be addressed to:

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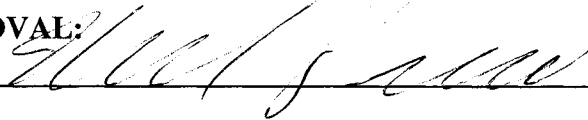
**DATE:** November 1, 2007

**TO:** Administration Committee/Regional Council

**FROM:** Bob Huddy, Program Manager, 213-236-1972, huddy@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Arrangements and Sponsorship Solicitation for the SCAG Regional Transit Conference

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize Staff to make the necessary financial arrangements with the facilities and solicit sponsorship for the SCAG Regional Transit Conference to be held March 20, 2008 in Los Angeles.

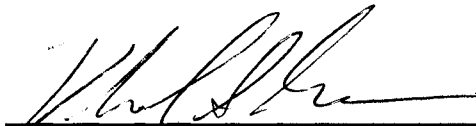
## BACKGROUND:

SCAG is holding a Transit Conference to discuss issues and strategies to improve transit in the region. The conference will focus on supporting the transit policies called for in the Regional Transportation Plan. Transit outreach is identified in the adopted 07-08 OWP in Work Element 08-140 as a staff activity to conduct Public Outreach and Education on the Transit Components of the 2008 RTP. This will fund staff activities in preparation for the Conference. The adopted FY 07-08 OWP identified \$25,000 in General Fund to conduct the Transit Conference event activities, including facilities and food. The estimated costs of the event are \$39,000. The event will charge a registration fee and solicit sponsorships to cover the balance of the estimated costs.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

SCAG has a budget identified for an initial commitment of \$25,000 to cover expenses in the FY 07-08 OWP. SCAG will charge a registration fee and solicit sponsorships to cover the remainder of the estimated costs.


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Chief Financial Officer



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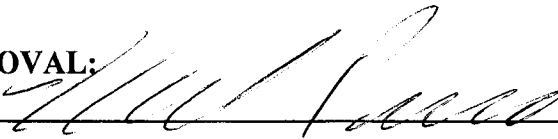
**DATE:** November 1, 2007

**TO:** Administration Committee/Regional Council

**FROM:** Bob Huddy,

**SUBJECT:** Authorize Execution of MOU with Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize Executive Director or his designee to execute an MOU with the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority.

**BACKGROUND:**

SCAG identified \$100,000 in the FY 07-08 OWP for the Gold Line Extension Feasibility Study WE 08-140.SCGC6. The study would encompass analysis of a possible extension of the Gold Line from the current planned terminus in Montclair to a proposed new terminus at the Ontario Airport. SCAG is in the process of amending the OWP to add an additional \$150,000 in CPG funds to be matched by local funds to be provided by the San Bernardino Associated Governments. SCAG is entering into an MOU with the Gold Line Authority to conduct the study and assure consistency and compliance with all required flow through provisions associated with the funding.


**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Funding for the project identified in the proposed MOU is included in the 07-08 OWP, in the amount of \$100,000. The additional \$150,000 in funds required is being requested in the OWP amendment request to Caltrans. SANBAG has committed the match for the additional funds proposed in the amendment.

Reviewed by:

  
Division Manager

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Department Director *by JH*

Reviewed by:

  
Chief Financial Officer

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**DATE:** November 1, 2007  
**TO:** Administration Committee and  
Regional Council  
**FROM:** Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer, (213) 236-1804, moore@scag.ca.gov  
**SUBJECT:** Contracts and Purchase Orders between \$5,000 - \$250,000

## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Information Only

## BACKGROUND:

### SCAG executed the following Contract(s) between \$5,000 and \$250,000

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| • Dowling Associates, Inc.<br>(Collection of traffic speed and volume data for counties within SCAG's region)   | \$200,000 |
| • Managing Excellence Consulting Services (MECS)<br>(Improve linkage between modeling results and emission calculations)  | \$179,904 |
| • Economic Research Associates (ERA)<br>(South Bay Compass Blue Print Market Feasibility Study)   | \$179,784 |
| • Caliper Corporation<br>(Ongoing TransCAD modeling software support and review of SCAG's Regional Travel Demand Model to determine the needs for additional TransCAD software modifications) | \$130,000 |
| • Bob Murray and Associates, Ralph Anderson and associates, Waters Consulting Group, Inc.<br>(Executive Search Service )  | \$130,000 |

### SCAG executed the following Purchase Order(s) between \$5,000 and \$250,000

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| • Congressional Quarterly<br>(Annual subscription of Congressional Quarterly Online Service for FY07/08) | \$8,487 |
| • Photo Center Imaging<br>(Production and installation of hallway photos & conference material)          | \$7,488 |
| • Dell Marketing<br>(Computers for staff to support RCP & RTP work)                                      | \$6,957 |
| • Office Depot Business Services<br>(14 Conference chairs and marker board and installation)             | \$5,100 |

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## FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Funding is available.

Reviewed by:

  
Division Manager

Reviewed by:

  
Chief Financial Officer

## **CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

**Contractor:** Dowling Associates, Inc.

**Scope:**

The purpose of this study is to continue the collection of the speed and volume data within the SCAG Region. The speed data will be used to develop a region-wide inventory of speeds to estimate average speeds for model validation purposes. The contractor will also develop and test new volume delay functions for both arterials and freeways. In addition, the contractor will evaluate model truck speeds and develop a post processing methodology to refine the speed forecasts for heavy-duty trucks.

<b>Contract Amount:</b>	<b>Total not to exceed</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
	Dowling Associates (prime)	\$149,789
	Berkeley Transportation Systems ( subcontractor)	\$12,412
	Sierra Research (subcontractor)	\$10,985
	Carter & Burgess (subcontractor)	\$26,814

**Contract Period:** August 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

**Work Element:** 07-070.SCGC07    \$200,000    Funding Sources: Consolidated  
Planning Grant – FHWA & TDA

**Request for Proposal:** SCAG staff notified 218 pre-qualified firms of the release of RFP No. 07-041. The RFP was also advertised on Lawley Publications' website, the American Planning Association's website, and posted on SCAG's bid management system. A total of 30 firms downloaded the RFP. The following proposal was received in response to the solicitation:

Dowling and Associates	\$200,000
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**Selection Process:** The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Michael Ainsworth, Program Manager –Subregional Modeling,  
SCAG  
Dimitris Poulakidas, Program Manager - Data/GIS Management,  
SCAG  
Ying Wang, Senior Transportation Analyst, OCTA

Manish Patel, Database Architect, City of Los Angeles Department of  
Transportation Bureau of Information Systems  
Tony Van Haagen, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans

**Basis for Selection:**

The PRC recommends Dowling Associates for the contract award because of the firm's experience in performing similar assignments and Dowling Associates' commitment to fulfill the expectations set forth in the Scope of Work. Dowling Associates will complete the demanding work tasks within a very limited budget and have committed to complete the project by June 30, 2008.

The Dowling Associates' proposal demonstrates an excellent project understanding and addresses all tasks in the RFP. The project team has excellent experience and knowledge in all aspects of this project. The Scope of Work is very comprehensive. The data collection, data analysis, and model speed development task descriptions are thoroughly explained. Dr. Dowling is very knowledgeable and has extensive experience developing model speed functions. The proposal does a very good job of explaining the process used to develop the new speed functions and the model validation process to test the new speed functions.

Dowling Associates is a planning research firm specializing in highway capacity analysis, speed measurement and estimation, and travel demand modeling. Dr. Dowling is a nationally recognized expert in transportation modeling, modeling travel speeds, and is currently the Chairman of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Highway Capacity and Quality of Service. Dr. Dowling wrote NCHRP 387, Planning Techniques for Estimating Speed and Level of Service. He is also the author of several papers on improving the speed estimates produced by travel models.

Dowling Associates completed Phase One of the Arterial Speed Study in Year 2005. The purpose of the Phase One Study was to develop the methodology to gather arterial speed data, perform speed surveys to begin assembling the arterial speed data base, and to estimate new model speed functions. The Contractor successfully completed the project within the schedule and budget. The deliverables and Final Report were outstanding. Dr. Dowling provided additional assistance to SCAG by estimating a freeway model speed function which was work beyond the contracted scope of services. The new model speed functions were successfully applied in the Year 2003 Model Validation and will be used in the upcoming RTP 2008 analysis.

## Linux and Programming Support

### **CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

**Consultant:** Managing Excellence Consulting Services (MECS)

**Scope:** The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) serves as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for a six county region that includes: Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. Currently about 18 million people live and work in an area of 38,000 square miles. SCAG is responsible for transportation planning and programming for the Region and collaborates with other agencies (Caltrans, County Transportation Commissions, Cities, etc.) involved in transportation planning in the Region.

SCAG maintains and applies the Regional Transportation Demand Model to support the Region's various plans, programs, and major projects. The Model provides an analytic tool for examining future mobility issues and determining the resulting air quality impacts.

The primary objectives of this project are to:

- Improve the linkage between modeling results and emission calculations
- Provide on-going programming support
- Migrate Unix database to PC Linux system

<b>Contract Amount:</b>	Total not to exceed	\$179,904
	Managing Excellence Consulting Services	\$179,904

**Contract Period:** September 13, 2007 through June 30, 2010

<b>Work Element:</b>	08-070.SCGC06	\$179,904	Funding Sources: Consolidated Planning Grant – FHWA & FTA
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**Request for Proposal:** A bid alert notice for RFP 08-004 was emailed to 257 consultants, and the RFP was posted on SCAG's bid management system. A total of 19 firms downloaded the RFP. The following consultant(s) responded to the Linux and Programming Support RFP:

Civic Resource Group (no subcontractors)	\$177,767 (36 months)
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Managing Excellence Consulting Services (MECS) (no subcontractors)	\$179,904 (36 months)
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**Selection Process:**

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the two proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with the two offerors.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Mike Ainsworth, Sub-regional Modeling Support Lead, SCAG  
Guoxiong Huang, Model Development Lead, SCAG  
Teresa Wang, Model Application Lead, SCAG  
Tony Van Hagen, Research Program Specialist II, Caltrans 7

The PRC committee recommends Managing Excellence Consulting Services (MECS) for the contract award because of the firm's qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project. Managing Excellence Consulting Services (MECS) is willing and able to meet the highly demanding requirements of this project within a very limited budget. MECS is committed to performing and documenting the required Linux and Programming Support work by June 30, 2010.

Managing Excellence Consulting Services (MECS) has performed a considerable amount of Unix and programming work for SCAG in the past and is very knowledgeable about key programming and data management issues facing SCAG. MECS will migrate all of the Unix database to the PC Linux environment and provide programming support to Modeling staff. MECS is qualified to fulfill the overall objective of this study.

## **CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

**Consultant:** Economic Research Associates (ERA)

**Scope:** The South Bay Compass Blueprint Market Feasibility Study is intended to develop a market study and pro forma financial feasibility analysis for 4 areas in the South Bay Cities subregion.

Before adopting land use policies that would encourage greater density, South Bay decision makers want to understand the market performance and demand forecast for areas representative of the South Bay and the financial feasibility of projects that respond to that demand. SBCCOG is also interested in the effect of a constrained market area on demand forecasts and hypothetical development scenarios.

The research shall assess the current market conditions in each of 4 study areas. This will be followed by forecasting the demand for residential, retail, and office in each of the 4 study areas and, based on that demand assessment, propose hypothetical development scenarios for each study area, with alternative scenarios should be developed based on the assumption of a constrained market area of two or three miles. Finally, the financial pro forma analyses shall be applied to each hypothetical development scenario in order to determine the feasibility of each project and the density, parking and other public concessions that might be required to ensure feasibility.

<b>Contract Amount:</b>	<b>Total not to exceed</b>	<b>\$179,784</b>
	Economic Research Associates	\$179,784

**Contract Period:** October 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

<b>Work Element:</b>	08-065.SBCC1	\$179,784	Funding Sources: FTA 5303 Funds
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**Request for Proposal:** SCAG staff notified 379 pre-qualified firms on SCAG's bidders list to notify them of the release of RFP No. 08-005. The RFP was also advertised on Lawley Publications' website, the Planning Magazine's website, and posted on SCAG's website. SCAG received the following 7 proposals in response to the solicitation:

Economic Research Associates	\$179,784
Market Pointe Realty Advisors	\$153,700
Economic Planning Systems	\$184,500
Robert Charles Lesser & Co	\$182,488
PMC	\$180,590
The Planning Center	\$184,987
Rosenow Spevacek Group, Inc.	\$181,950



**Selection Process:**

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Jacki Bacharach, Executive Director, SBCCOG  
Kim Fuentes, Deputy Executive Director, SBCCOG  
Walter Siembab, Principal, Siembab Planning Associates  
Pria Hidisyan, Associate Regional Planner, SCAG  
Charles Felix,  
Richard Thompson,  
Dianna Watson,

**Basis for Selection:**

The PRC recommends Economic Research Associates (ERA) for the contract award because of the firm's strong qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project. The ERA team is highly experienced, with strong academic and professional backgrounds. The PRC felt that the ERA team's expertise in financial and market analysis was particularly notable.

The PRC was impressed with ERA's approach to analyzing land use and future growth trends upon which they propose to conduct a sophisticated and comprehensive future demand and development program. The financial and fiscal analysis proposed by ERA was clear and comprehensive. ERA demonstrated that they understood the subregion's needs and had performed comparable studies in and around the South Bay. ERA also expressed a clear willingness for working closely with SBCCOG and its Livable Communities working group to provide pertinent updates and share its analytical approach in conducting the work.

## **CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

**Consultant:**

Caliper Corporation

**Scope:**

The objective of this project is to obtain on-going TransCAD modeling software support. Standard commercial transportation modeling software is typically designed for general purpose modeling operations. SCAG's Regional Travel Demand Model is one of the most sophisticated, advanced, and complex model in the nation. There is a need to improve the current TransCAD software so that it can run SCAG's new Travel Demand Model model smoothly and more efficiently. In addition, SCAG modeling staff will need to attend additional TransCAD and GISDK training in order to use and improve the new model.

The Contractor will conduct a thorough review of the SCAG's Regional Travel Demand Model to determine the needs for additional TransCAD software modifications and to convert the Regional Model to the TransCAD 5.0 platform. The main task of this project is to perform TransCAD software customizations, including a) the creation of model files for use in planning and air quality analysis; b) implementation of the soon to be completed Heavy Duty Truck (HDT) model; c) modification of TransCAD source program to implement HDT PCE methodology which takes into account the vehicle composition, roadway grade and length, and congestion level of the link; and d) implementation of toll methodologies for autos and trucks involving multiple pricing strategies. Other potential features include improvements in reporting, graphic display, TransModeler interface, Master Networks, and transit network tools. The Contractor will also assist SCAG in TransCAD model implementation and GISDK programming.

**Contract Amount:**

**Total not to exceed**  
Caliper Corporation

**\$130,000**

**Contract Period:**

August 13, 2007 through June 30, 2008

**Work Element:**

08-070.SCGC01 \$130,000

Funding Sources: Consolidated  
Planning Grant – FTA and TDA

**Request for Proposal:**

SCAG staff notified 721 pre-qualified firms of the release of RFP No. 07-086-C1. The RFP was advertised on SCAG's bid management system. A total of 16 firms downloaded the RFP. The

following proposal was received in response to the solicitation:

Caliper Corporation (no subcontractors)

\$130,000

**Selection Process:**

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal submitted in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Tony Van Haagen, Senior Transportation Planner, Caltrans  
His-Hwa Hu, Transportation Modeler III, SCAG  
Guoxiong Huang, Program Manager, SCAG  
Michael Ainsworth, Program Manager, SCAG

**Basis for Selection:**

The PRC recommends Caliper Corporation for the contract award because the firm's previous experience in performing similar model development projects, expertise using the TransCAD Modeling Software, and knowledge of SCAG's Regional Model. Caliper's proposal demonstrated an excellent project understanding. Caliper will complete the demanding tasks within the limited budget and has committed to deliver all specified products by June 30, 2008.

Caliper is the developer of the TransCAD modeling software system used by SCAG for the new Regional Model. It is the only consultant with knowledge and experience using SCAG's new Regional Model. Caliper has the best programming expertise using TransCAD software needed to modify the model setup and customize the software to meet SCAG's needs. The project manager assigned to this project is experienced in performing similar tasks. The manager also demonstrated a good understanding of the key project objectives including easy to use/understand, quick model turn-around times, consistent modeling results, and excellent reporting capabilities.

## **CONSULTANT CONTRACTS**

- Scope:** The contract resulting from RFP 07-060 is intended to establish a pre-qualified list of Executive Search Service vendors to provide Executive Search services for all executive management recruitment efforts during the next two years. When the need arises to initiate an executive management recruitment, each pre-qualified firm will be contacted to obtain a proposal that includes cost, timeline and availability to commence the search. A firm will be chosen from pre-qualified list after a proposal is submitted and accepted.
- Contract Amount:** **Total not to exceed \$130,000 for all vendors combined**
- Contract Period:** March 13, 2007 through June 30, 2008
- Work Element:**
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| 07-830.SCGS1 | \$65,000 | Funding Sources: Salary savings from vacant position or HR Consulting Budget, depending on position |
| 07-810.SCGS1 | \$65,000 | Funding Sources: Indirect Overhead  |
- Request for Proposal:** SCAG staff mailed postcards to 64 consulting firms on SCAG's bidders list to notify them of the release of RFP No. 07-060. The RFP was also posted on SCAG's web site and advertised in the California State Contracts Register. SCAG received the following 3 proposals in response to the solicitation:
- Bob Murray and Associates  
Ralph Anderson and associates  
Waters Consulting Group, Inc.
- Selection Process:** The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations.
- The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:
- Debbie Dillon, Human Resources Manager/Project Manager, SCAG  
Hon. Toni Young, Personnel Committee Member  
Rose Casey, Regional Planning, District 7, CalTrans
- Basis for Selection:** The proposals were scored by all three PRC members based on proposal information, organization, content, and technical proposal qualifications.

All three respondents met the criteria set forth in the requirements for the proposal. Each brings a strong background in performing Executive Search Services for similar organizations and jobs. Therefore, all three firms were qualified to the bench to provide Executive Search services.

When the need arises to initiate an executive management recruitment, SGAG staff will either compete the recruitment between 2 or more of the firms (i.e. obtain a proposal that includes cost, timeline and availability to commence the search); or staff will select one of the firms to conduct the recruitment based upon the firm's availability, experience and expertise with similar recruitments.

# MEMO

**DATE:** November 1, 2007  
**TO:** Administration Committee  
**FROM:** Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer, (213) 236-1804, moore@scag.ca.gov  
**SUBJECT:** CFO Monthly Report

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## **Accounting:**

The annual financial audit by Vasquez & Co., LLP is in progress with field work scheduled to complete by October 20, 2007. The auditors met with and reported their progress to the Audit Committee on October 11, 2007. Staff continues to respond to all auditor requests in a timely fashion. Vasquez expects to issue a draft financial report by October 31, 2007.

Additional procedures were implemented to ensure the timely submission of payroll to ADP (SCAG's payroll processor). Also, data tracking procedures are now in place to provide performance measurement statistics on SCAG's outgoing payment processing cycle. These statistics will initially be used to develop benchmarks for acceptable and later ideal standards.

We received an updated actuarial valuation for fiscal years 2007/08 to complete the requirements for establishing an account in CalPers California Employer's Retiree Benefit Trust for retiree healthcare programs. We have also requested an updated actuarial study for SCAG's supplemental defined benefit retirement plan from the Public Agency Retirement System. This is the first step toward funding that liability with a purchased annuity.

## **Business Operations:**

Business Operations staff has been supporting the planning, preparation and on site production for the RTP workshops being held through out the region including by video conferencing from the Riverside office.

Temporary office space for Joe Burton, Chief Legal Counsel, was completed and meetings were initiated with the Architect to develop plans to build out office space on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor for the Director of Information Systems.

Clearing storage areas and unoccupied cubicles on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor continued in preparation for their upcoming staff relocations.

# MEMO

## Budget and Grants

The Budget and Grants Division completed the first quarter progress reports with input from agency staff and the sub region staff. The results were used to support CPG Amendment number 2 recommendations. Budget staff also prepared a Fiscal Year 2007/08 budget presentation framework for review by the Regional Council.

The final changes to the Consolidated Budget Development System were also completed and the system is ready for rollout to staff for initiating the FY08-09 budget development process.

Grants staff has identified two new grant opportunities that are under review by agency staff. One sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry provides funding support for conferences related to environmental health topics. The other grant sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency funds multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation planning.

## Contracts:

During the month of September, the contracts department awarded 2 contracts, issued 12 contract amendments, and issued 7 Requests for Proposals (RFP's). Contracts staff also revised the invoicing instructions on all contracts to require all invoices for payments to be submitted directly to Accounts Payable. This was done to eliminate any ambiguity in the current contract language regarding submittals and approval of invoices. Staff was also notified to immediately forward any invoices sent to them to Accounts Payable for processing.

Submitted by:

  
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Chief Financial Officer

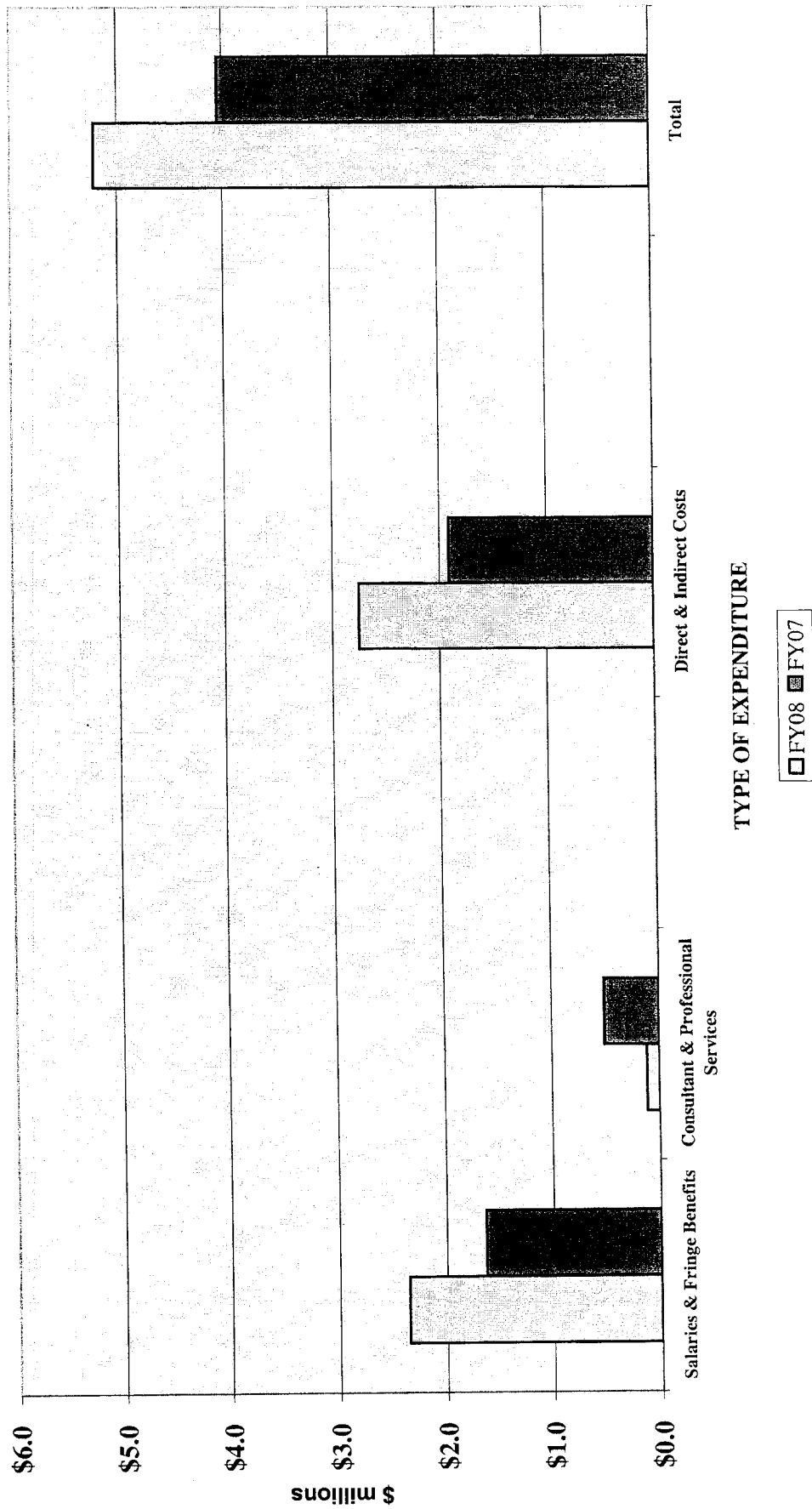
# Southern California Association of Governments

Budget vs. Actual  
Expenditures and Encumbrances  
Three Months Ended September 30, 2007  
75% of Year Remaining

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	Program	Adopted Budget	Approved Changes	Pending Changes	Forecast Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Budget Balance	% Budget Remaining	July - Sep 2006 Expenditures	Program
1											
2	CPG	9,663,155	32,775		9,695,930	2,322,884		7,373,046	76%	1,559,143	CPG
3	GF	48,083	-		48,083	2,123		45,960	96%	6,727	GF
4	Other	329,838	-		329,838	24,594		305,244	93%	63,237	Other
5	Total	10,041,076	32,775	-	10,073,851	2,349,601		7,724,250	77%	1,629,107	Total
6	CPG	10,990,028	(2,999)		10,987,029	99,562	6,981,873	3,905,594	36%	268,032	CPG
7	GF	520,000	-		520,000	17,302	313,333	189,365	36%	-	GF
8	Other	1,531,303	-		1,531,303		1,123,574	407,729	27%	236,187	Other
9	Total	13,041,331	(2,999)	-	13,038,332	116,864	8,418,780	4,502,688	35%	504,219	Total
10	CPG	3,405,583	250,000		3,655,583		2,968,684	686,899	19%		CPG
11	Total	3,405,583	250,000	-	3,655,583		2,968,684	686,899	19%	-	Total
12	CPG	11,769,782	43,909		11,813,691	2,628,573	201,003	8,984,115	76%	1,796,676	CPG
13	GF	989,071	-		989,071	93,962	47,344	847,765	86%	46,139	GF
14	Other	361,136	-		361,136	26,611		334,525	93%	68,005	Other
15	Total	13,119,989	43,909	-	13,163,898	2,749,146	248,347	10,166,405	77%	1,910,820	Total
16	CPG	3,598,257	(25,206)		3,573,051			3,573,051	100%		CPG
17	Other	342,079	-		342,079			342,079	100%		Other
18	Total	3,940,336	(25,206)	-	3,915,130			3,915,130	100%	-	Total
19	CPG	39,426,805	298,479		39,725,284	5,051,019	10,151,560	24,522,705	62%	3,623,851	CPG
20	GF	1,557,154			1,557,154	113,387	360,677	1,083,090	70%	52,866	GF
21	Other	2,564,356			2,564,356	51,205	1,123,574	1,389,577	54%	367,429	Other
22	Total	43,548,315	298,479	-	43,846,794	5,215,611	11,635,811	26,995,372	62%	4,044,146	Total
23								-			
24	OWP	41,991,603	298,479		42,290,082	5,102,225	11,275,134	25,912,723	61%	3,991,279	OWP



**SCAG**  
**COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES**  
**THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30**  
**FY08 vs FY07**



# REPORT

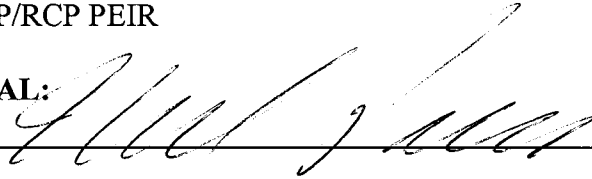
**DATE:** November 1, 2007

**TO:** Regional Council

**FROM:** Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)  
Jacob Lieb, Acting Manager Environmental Planning, (213)236-1921, lieb@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Approach for the 2008 RTP/RCP PEIR

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve the approach for the combined RTP/RCP PEIR as recommended by the Energy and Environment Committee.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On August 30, 2007 Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) submitted a letter requesting that the "environmental processes and environmental documents for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) be separated now, to allow both Plans to move forward, yet independently, in their respective discussions, deliberations, environmental clearance and adoption." The letter was directed to the CEHD Committee, who thereafter took action to have EEC review the request. The letter from OCCOG provided three reasons for the request:

1. The RTP is an urgent regional priority and the Regional Council should focus its efforts to address challenges associated with the RTP.
2. Discussion and deliberation of the RCP could endanger the compressed timeline and deadlines of the mandated RTP, making the combined PEIR an unnecessary constraint.
3. More time is needed to allow full disclosure and discussion of the ramifications of any state law changes that affect compliance with the proposed RCP.

At its October meeting, the EEC reviewed the OCCOG request as well as a subsequent letter submitted by the City of Lake Forest, raising similar concerns about the PEIR. The EEC considered two options regarding how to proceed with the PEIR as well as the reasons for the staff recommendation of continuing with the combined approach. The EEC recommended that the Regional Council pursue option 1 as described below, contingent upon a subsequent meeting between SCAG staff, and representatives of OCCOG and Lake Forest, which was held on October 18 and further discussed below.

### **Option (1) Proceed with the combined RTP RCP PEIR. (Staff's recommendation)**

This approach follows previous direction of the EEC to prepare a combined PEIR for the RTP and RCP, and still maintains flexibility in the future with regard to final adoption of the documents. Briefly, under this option, SCAG will have the flexibility to:

- a) Certify a combined PEIR and approve the RTP and RCP at the same time (preferred) or
- b) Certify a combined PEIR and approve the RTP at the same meeting, approve individual chapters of the RCP either at the same meeting or subsequently. This is the process that was used for the 1996 RCP.

**Option (2) Separate the two documents (as requested by OCCOG) and prepare two PEIRs, one each for the RTP and the RCP.**

This approach is not practicable and would result in additional costs for SCAG. Several procedural milestones have already been met for the combined approach. Separating the documents would likely require recirculation of the Notice of Preparation and another 30 day comment period, which could result in schedule delays for the RTP. Additional costs would also be accrued due to the preparation, circulation and printing of a second PEIR.

Staff agrees with several of the points made by OCCOG, including that the RTP is an urgent regional priority and the RCP should be carefully considered by RC members prior to adoption. To that end, staff seeks to ensure that RC members are made aware of the reasons for recommending proceeding with the combined PEIR. A combined PEIR achieves the following:

- Eliminates duplication in settings/existing conditions; CEQA encourages the streamlining of environmental documents. [*CEQA Guidelines* Section 15006 encourages public agencies to “reduce delay and paperwork by (l) combining environmental documents with other documents such as general plans.”]
- The approach is permitted under CEQA and reasonable given that both documents are on the same schedule, have the same horizon year and deal with many of the same issues.
- The RCP and RTP are viewed as integrated documents, in that both have a 30 year planning horizon, and encompass growth and infrastructure. In addition, the RCP incorporates and updates past policies which can then be included in the PEIR for both documents.
- The RCP includes policies adopted previously as part of the 1996 RCPG, 2004 Growth Vision, and 2004 RTP as well as new policies. This compilation will guide the IGR process and future SCAG actions; as such they should be presented and evaluated together with the RTP rather than separately.

For the reasons described above, staff recommends that SCAG proceed with the current approach and prepare a combined PEIR for the RTP and RCP. This approach is reasonable under CEQA and will provide RC members with the necessary flexibility at the time of certification and adoption to address any remaining concerns regarding the RCP.

As previously noted, SCAG staff did meet with representatives of OCCOG and the City of Lake Forest on October 18, 2007, to discuss their concerns with the combined PEIR approach and the RCP. The meeting resulted in a better understanding amongst the parties regarding the various issues, including an understanding of SCAG’s rationale for undertaking a PEIR for the RCP for CEQA purposes. It was also understood that proceeding with a combined PEIR does not prevent the Regional Council or policy committees from taking more time to review the draft RCP upon its release, so as to ascertain its application upon local governments, transportation commissions and other stakeholders. To this effect, staff is committed to working with interested parties to engage in the necessary dialogue pertaining to any concerns relating to the draft RCP or draft PEIR. Subsequent to the meeting, SCAG prepared a response letter to the OCCOG and Lake Forest’s letters, attached herein for the Regional Council’s information, summarizing the outcome of the meeting.

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## FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for the development of the 2008 RTP RCP PEIR are included in the FY 07/08 budget WBS 07-020.SCGC1.

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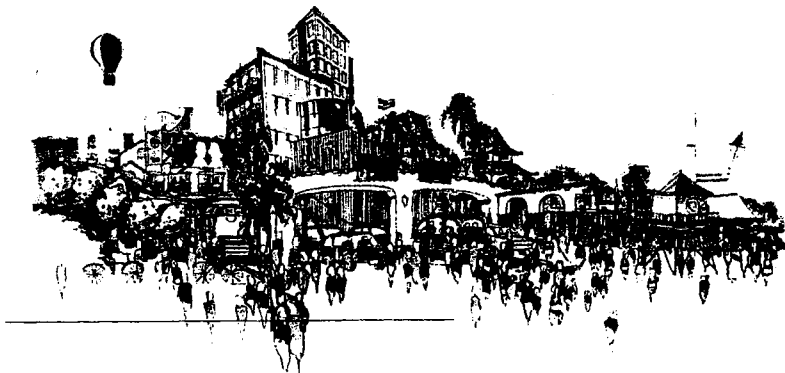
  
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*Chief Financial Officer*



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August 29, 2007

The Honorable Jon Edney, Chair  
 Community, Economic and Human Development Committee  
 Southern California Association of Governments  
 818 West Seventh Street  
 Los Angeles, California 90017-3435

Chair Edney:

**RE: SCAG Program EIR for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan Update and Regional Comprehensive Plan**

At its meeting of August 23, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) discussed three major work efforts underway at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG):

- the federal and state mandated 2008 update to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP);
- the comprehensive update to SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP); and,
- SCAG's proposal to prepare one Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) that would environmentally clear both the 2008 RTP Update and the RCP.

The OCCOG Board expresses concern with the pursuit of a combined EIR that would environmentally clear both the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Comprehensive Plan, and respectfully urges SCAG to consider a separation of the environmental processes and environmental documents for each Plan. The OCCOG Board's recommendation is based upon the following considerations:

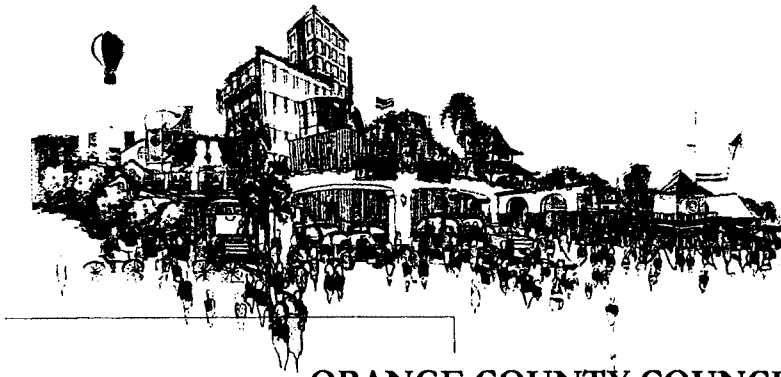
- 1) Both the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Comprehensive Plan are significant undertakings that require extensive consultation and outreach to achieve consensus.

One undertaking, the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan update, is mandated and must be adopted by early 2008 to be forwarded to state and federal agencies for approval.

The other undertaking, the Regional Comprehensive Plan, is a voluntary effort not governed by statute or deadline.

As outlined in SCAG's major issues and framework for the next Regional Transportation Plan, there are significant RTP issues need to be vetted with stakeholders, including the subregions, the county transportation commissions, the private sector, and our air quality agencies in order to achieve an RTP that can meet air quality conformity and address mobility.

The OCCOG Board shares with SCAG's policy committees and its Regional Council its belief that at this point in time, the Regional Transportation Plan is an urgent regional priority, and that we must focus our efforts to address the full plate of RTP challenges and deliver an RTP update and an attendant EIR on time to address federal and state mandates and enable critical transportation projects to move forward.



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- 2) The Regional Comprehensive Plan is akin to a local jurisdiction's General Plan, setting forth policies and action statements on nine subject areas for the six-county SCAG region. It is our understanding that the last Regional Comprehensive Plan was adopted many years ago. Thus, the RCP under development would essentially constitute a new framework of policies for local jurisdictions, special districts and other agencies to consider, in conjunction with new development or re-development proposals.

The OCCOG Board recognizes that public outreach and public comment on the Regional Comprehensive Plan is essential. However, the OCCOG Board also recognizes that the planning and public outreach process on the Regional Comprehensive Plan could and should result in many comments and recommendations that are all valid, but with differing perspectives, which will warrant careful consideration and deliberation.

It is the OCCOG Board's concern that the necessary discussion and deliberations on the Regional Comprehensive Plan could endanger the compressed timeline and deadlines of the mandated Regional Transportation Plan; and that the construct of a single EIR for both the RTP and RCP could pose an unnecessary, but avoidable constraint, to timely RTP adoption.

- 3) In light of legislative proposals under consideration by State legislators, the guiding measures and action items that are proposed in the Regional Comprehensive Plan could take on a much more significant role than we currently understand. The Regional Comprehensive Plan must receive full public and local review in consideration of the possibility that proposed state legislation could place much more significance on local government implementation of the plan through the linking of transportation funding to consistency between general plans and the RCP. Separating the environmental review for the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Comprehensive Plan will allow for a full discussion and disclosure of the ramifications of any state law changes that affect compliance with the proposed RCP.

Further, the OCCOG Board pledges its commitment to undertake its subregional responsibilities and outreach to Orange County jurisdictions, transportation agencies, special districts, resource agencies, the private sector, and public interest groups, to request their review of the Regional Comprehensive Plan and to secure their input and recommendations on the proposed Plan policies.

Based upon these considerations and concerns, it is the OCCOG Board's recommendation that the environmental processes and environmental documents for the Regional Transportation Plan and the Regional Comprehensive Plan be separated now, to allow both Plans to move forward, yet independently, in their respective discussions, deliberations, environmental clearance and adoption.

Respectfully and on behalf of the OCCOG Board of Directors,

Dennis R. Wilberg  
OCCOG Interim Executive Director



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cc: The Honorable Gary Ovitt, SCAG Regional Council President  
The Honorable Alan D. Wapner, Chair, SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee  
The Honorable Debbie Cook, Chair, SCAG Energy and Environment Committee  
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October 3, 2007

The Honorable Debbie Cook, Chair  
SCAG Energy and Environment Committee  
818 West Seventh Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3435

Subject: 2008 PEIR for the RCP

Chair Cook:

In an August 23 letter to the Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD), the Board of Directors of the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) requested the environmental review process for the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) be separated, rather than the current SCAG approach of preparing a combined Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for both documents. We understand that the CEHD Committee took action to have the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) review the OCCOG request, and that SCAG staff is recommending the EEC continue with the current approach of a combined environmental review.

On behalf of the City of Lake Forest, I must respectfully request that the EEC not approve the staff recommendation, and instead take additional time to evaluate the OCCOG proposal. Regardless of any additional costs associated with bifurcating the environmental review for the RCP and RTP, the two Plans require extensive consideration and significant outreach, and more time is needed to consider the impact of any state law changes that could affect local compliance with the RCP. Further, the RTP is an urgent priority, and should be the focus of current efforts to ensure the update is on time and complies with federal and state mandates. In fact, we believe that the RCP may not require an EIR, and that any environmental review of the RCP's *voluntary* policies and principles should be undertaken by participating jurisdictions.

For these and other reasons, we ask that you do not approve the staff recommendation and instead separate the environmental processes for the RTP and RCP, allowing both Plans to move forward independently.

Thank you for your consideration. The Lake Forest City Council appreciates your continual efforts to explore innovative approaches to land use and transportation planning. Should you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Benjamin Siegel, Assistant to the City Manager, at (949) 461-3537.

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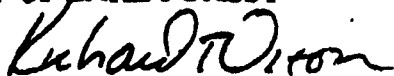
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**The Honorable Debbie Cook**  
**October 3, 2007**

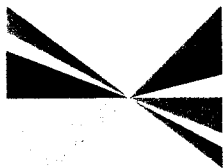
**Sincerely,**

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST**

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**Richard T. Dixon**  
**Mayor**

**C: Orange County Mayors**  
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**Ventura County Transportation Commission:** Keith Millhouse, Moorpark

October 24, 2007

Dennis R. Wilberg  
Interim Executive Director  
Orange County Council of Governments  
600 West Santa Ana Blvd., Suite 214  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

*Re: SCAG Program EIR for the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and Regional Comprehensive Plan*

Dear Mr. Wilberg:

Thank you for your August 29, 2007 letter to Jon Edney, Chair Community, Economic and Human Development ("CEHD") Committee regarding the Program Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR"), the Regional Transportation Plan ("RTP") and the Regional Comprehensive Plan ("RCP") ("Letter"). We also appreciate your participation in the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting where this matter was discussed amongst staff and legal counsel representing SCAG, the Orange County Council of Governments ("OCCOG") and the cities of Lake Forest and Mission Viejo.

In your letter, written on behalf of OCCOG, you specifically requested that the environmental processes and documents for the RTP and RCP be separated. As you know, the CEHD Committee referred OCCOG's request to SCAG's Energy and Environment Committee ("EEC"), who subsequently considered the matter at its October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and voted to proceed with the joint PEIR. The issue will be forwarded and presented to the Regional Council for consideration at its November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

On or about October 3, 2007, in another letter to SCAG's EEC, the City of Lake Forest reiterated the same concerns regarding the combined PEIR for the RTP and RCP. In addition, Lake Forest also suggested that the RCP may not require an EIR and that any environmental review of the RCP's voluntary policies and principles addressed to local agencies should be undertaken by participating jurisdictions.

We hope that the meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> provided you with a better understanding not only of why we are pursuing a combined PEIR for the RTP and RCP, but also a better understanding of the background, content and implications of the RCP. While the RCP is intended to improve guidance to local governments through more comprehensive regional input, we recognize there is some apprehension amongst local agencies regarding the plan. To this effect, SCAG staff remains committed to working with you to address your concerns.

With respect to the CEQA issues, i.e. whether an EIR is required for the RCP and whether it is appropriate to proceed with a combined PEIR for the RTP and RCP, SCAG maintains its position that the RCP is a project for CEQA purposes because implementation of the policies in the RCP may result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. SCAG also maintains that preparing a joint PEIR is the preferred approach given the interrelationship of certain subject matters within the RTP and the RCP. The two plans each have a 30-year timeframe, and stem from the need to address future growth, infrastructure needs, and environmental quality in our region. Thus, it is most efficient and practical to prepare a joint PEIR.

We appreciate your concerns related to the practical effects of the RCP. Like you, we do not desire the RCP to “endanger the timeline and deadlines of the mandated Regional Transportation Plan.” (Letter, p. 2.) While the RCP is intended to improve guidance to local governments through more comprehensive regional input, we recognize there is some apprehension amongst local agencies regarding the plan.

However, it is important to note that SCAG’s preparation of a joint PEIR for the RTP and RCP still allows SCAG’s policy committees and/or Regional Council to address the concerns of cities, transportation commissions, and other stakeholders regarding the RCP, without affecting the timeline for the RTP, including developing a separate timeline for the RCP if appropriate. Moreover, because the policies of the RCP are generally beneficial to the environment, it does not raise additional environmental impacts. As such, the content of the joint PEIR, including its mitigation measures, would be virtually identical to a PEIR prepared for the RTP alone. Preparing or certifying a joint PEIR does not limit the Regional Council’s ability to make changes, adopt, or even not adopt the RCP.

In order to more fully address the concerns of OCCOG and the cities of Lake Forest and Mission Viejo, SCAG staff noted its willingness to undertake the following steps:

- SCAG will provide greater detail on the purpose of the RCP and how it will be applied, including the relationship of the policies to RTP mitigation measures.
- A technical committee, such as the SCAG Plans and Programs Technical Advisory Committee or the Subregional Coordinators, will review and discuss the RCP chapters, including policies, their relationship to RTP mitigation measures and application to local agencies.
- The county transportation commissions will review the RCP, particularly policies relating to RTP mitigation measures. This review may be part of the technical committee described in the bullet above.

To help clarify these concerns about the relationship between the RCP policies to the RTP mitigation measures, policies in the RCP *will not* be the mitigation measures. Rather, the environmental impacts of the RTP will be mitigated by a mitigation program contained fully within the PEIR. The only role the RCP policies serve is to provide practical implementation guidance to local agencies on an array of issues including in some cases, mitigation of environmental impacts.

As mentioned above, issues regarding the combined PEIR will be reviewed by the Regional Council at its November 1, 2007 meeting. We hope this letter and the technical meetings described above and the discussions among the elected officials will alleviate the concerns that OCCOG and others may have regarding the RCP and the environmental documents.

Again, thank you for raising important issues and your willingness to participate in their resolution. We also understand that these issues will be raised before the OCCOG Board of Directors as part of its meeting on October 25, 2007. We would appreciate it if copies of this letter could be made available to the OCCOG Board for their information.

Sincerely,



Jim Gosnell

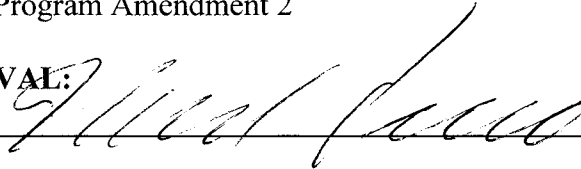
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# REPORT

**DATE:** November 1, 2007  
**TO:** Administration Committee and Regional Council  
**FROM:** Wayne Moore, CFO, [moore@scag.ca.gov](mailto:moore@scag.ca.gov), 213.236.1804  
**SUBJECT:** FY 07-08 Overall Work Program Amendment 2

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve Resolution # 07-491-1 approving OWP Amendment 2

**BACKGROUND:**

In August, the OWP was administratively amended (Amendment 1) to make adjustments to work elements and to correct errata. Amendment 2 will allow SCAG to fund and continue projects that were not completed in FY 2006-07, adjust carryover estimates for continuing projects, delete projects that were either completed in FY 06-07 and/or reconsidered by SCAG Management, add new subregional projects that were deferred from the July OWP due to funding constraints, adjust the Indirect Overhead Rate to staff budget, and finally, reallocate budget within work programs to better utilize staff and consultant resource.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of the Amendment will increase the FY07-08 OWP budget by \$730,046. The funds are available from SCAG's unprogrammed FY07-08 FHWA Planning allocation.

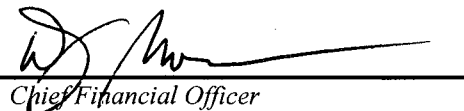
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